REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 USC §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/627,326
Filing Date	July 25, 2003
First Named Inventor	Rolf MINTGEN
Group Art Unit	3683
Examiner Name	Siconolfi. Robert
Attorney Docket Number	5253-25RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

> Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000 applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

  a. [] Previously submitted
    i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    iii.[] Other
  b. [x] Enclosed
    i. [x] Preliminary Amendment/Reply
    ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    iii.[] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    iv.[] Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

  a. [] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)
  b. [] Other

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

  a. [x] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 03-2412.
    i. [] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.17(e), if not already paid by check
    ii. [] Extension of time fee (37C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17), if not already paid by check
    iii.[] Small Entity Status is being claimed for this application.
    vi.[] Other
  b. [x] Check in the amount of $910 ($790 for filing fee and $120 for one month extension) is enclosed.
  c. [] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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FILING FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

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In re RCE Application of: Rolf MINTGENet al.
For: Piston-Cylinder Unit
Parent Serial No.:   10/627,326

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

FOR:	Col. 1	Col. 2	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	# FILED	# EXTRA				
BASIC FEE				**$395**		**$790**
TOTAL CLAIMS	- 20 =		x 9 =	$	x 18 =	$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	- 3 =		x 44 =	$	x 88 =	$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENCY			+$150 =	$	+300	$
The fees below apply only if claims are added that exceed the number of the originally filed claims						
Claims in excess of originally filed claims			x 25 =	$	x 50 =	$
Claims in excess of originally filed claims			x 100 =	$	x 200 =	$
Multiple Dependency if added and not paid in parent			+$180 =	$	+360	$
			TOTAL:	$		**$790**